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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

The India-Pakistan Situation
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1. Ambassador Bowles has asked for the "strongest feasible pressure" on Secretary General Thant for the UN Secretariat to assume a much "tougher and decisive role" in bringing what he feels to be a still explosive situation along the cease-fire line under control. Bowles would like to see a blunt UN statement charging both sides with specific cease-fire violations and calling on the two army commanders to meet with UN officials to arrange an end to firing along the cease-fire line.

2. UN Undersecretary Bunche has told US officials that Thant is sending a message to Ayub and Shastri calling on them to implement that part of the UN resolution dealing with withdrawal of forces promptly. Thant wants the two sides either to submit individual plans for withdrawal or to allow the UN to draw up its own combined withdrawal plan.

3. In conversation with Ambassador Goldberg in New York, Pakistani Foreign Minister Bhutto stated that Pakistan was willing to withdraw its forces promptly to positions occupied on 5 August. The US mission in New York notes that Bhutto was not clear that this withdrawal would also apply to the Pakistan-sponsored infiltrators behind the lines in Indian-held Kashmir. Withdrawal of the infiltrators is a strong and continuing Indian demand. Bhutto also asked for the removal of General Nimmo, the chief of the UN observer mission in Kashmir, whom the Pakistanis consider to be pro-Indian.

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4. Bhutto also raised with Ambassador Goldberg the possibility of Pakistani acceptance of the Soviet offer of its "good offices" to help resolve the Kashmir dispute by staging a meeting between Ayub and Shastri in Tashkent. The Pakistanis probably hope that by posing this question they can get a more positive response from the US and UK regarding support of the Pakistani position on Kashmir. Ambassador Goldberg noted that any decision to accept the Soviet offer must rest with Pakistan, but he did not discourage this approach to the problem.

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6. The Pakistan Government has requested purchase agreements covering the unobligated balance of the present PL 480 agreement with Pakistan. The request is for a total of \$35.9 million in various commodities, including \$27.7 million worth of wheat.

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